

# Teacher's Copy

## Vocabulary Unit # 2 for *Inherit the Wind*

For each vocabulary word, fill in the word, definition, part of speech, a sentence from the text in context that reveals the word's meaning, and synonyms and antonyms.

#1

Word: tentatively

A. Definition: in a hesitant or uncertain manner

B. Part of speech: adverb

C. Sentence in context: (RACHEL stands uncertainly in the courthouse area. This is strange ground to her. Unsure, she looks about.) RACHEL (tentatively, calling) Mr. Meeker...? (page 5).

d. Synonyms: hesitatingly, uncertainly, undecidedly

e. Antonyms: surely, certainly, definitely

#2

Word: undaunted

A. Definition: brave, bold

B. Part of speech: adjective

C. Sentence in context: MRS. KREBS (Undaunted) You're gonna need a room.

(page 14).

d. Synonyms: fearless, courageous, undeterred

e. Antonyms: discouraged, curbed, put off

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#3

Word: defense

A. Definition: a position of protection or  
Support; something that  
resists against attack

B. Part of speech: noun

C. Sentence in context: <sup>HORNBECK</sup> Have you come to testify  
for the defense?

(page 16).

d. Synonyms: security, safeguard, support

e. Antonyms: failure, defeat, neglect.

#4

Word: prosecution

A. Definition: the act of charging a  
person with a crime

B. Part of speech: noun

C. Sentence in context: <sup>HORNBECK</sup> Or for the prosecution?

(page 16).

d. Synonyms: enforcement, litigation, accusation

e. Antonyms: defense, security, protection

#5

Word: benign

A. Definition: not harmful, friendly

B. Part of speech: adjective

C. Sentence in context: BRADY sits grandly at another table, fanning himself with benign self-assurance

(page 37).

d. Synonyms: gentle, kind, gracious

e. Antonyms: rough, harsh, hateful

#6

Word: exalted

A. Definition: praised; held in high esteem

B. Part of speech: adjective

C. Sentence in context: DRUMMOND (Shaking his head amused) Gentlemen, what can I say? It is not often in a man's life that he attains the exalted rank of "temporary Itinerant Colonel" (page 43).

d. Synonyms: elevated, honored, inflated

e. Antonyms: lowly, unimportant, debased

#7  
Word: denouncing

A. Definition: putting down, accusing of wrongdoing

B. Part of speech: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Sentence in context: DRUMMOND Objection! We're supposed to be choosing jury members! The prosecution's denouncing the defendant before the trial has even begun! (page 44).

d. Synonyms: condemning, attacking, criticizing, villifying

e. Antonyms: supporting, defending, protecting

#8  
Word: pariah

A. Definition: social outcast

B. Part of speech: noun

C. Sentence in context: DRUMMOND Bert Cates is a good man. Maybe even a great one. And it takes strength for a woman to love such a man. Especially when he's a pariah in the community (page 55).

d. Synonyms: loper, outsider, castaway, outlaw, exile

e. Antonyms: insider, favored person, beloved person, member

#9

Word: animosity

A. Definition: extreme dislike

B. Part of speech: noun

C. Sentence in context: BRADY I'm glad you asked me that. I want people everywhere to know I bear no personal animosity toward Henry Drummond.

There was a time when we were on the same (page 60) side of the fence.

d. Synonyms: hatred, resentment, enmity

e. Antonyms: friendliness, respect, sweetness

#10

Word: fervent

A. Definition: enthusiastic

B. Part of speech: adjective

C. Sentence in context: BROWN You will find our people are fervent in their belief.

(page 61).

d. Synonyms: heartfelt, intense, passionate

e. Antonyms: indifferent, insincere, frigid, cool